

To The Editor,

2018 is the Third International Year of the Reef (IYOR). Coral reefs are under threat around the world - and Australia is no exception. Our reefs are in trouble, but there is still time for us to act. There are many healthy reef locations and places that urgently need our help. We can each make a positive difference through our daily choices, and together work to protect these incredible and critically important ecosystems.

Here's a few ideas from the Reef Check Australia website that can really help:

- Choose reusable coffee cups, water bottles and bags.
- Pick one or two specific actions that can reduce your carbon footprint and measure your success with an online footprint calculator.
- Use your voice! Talk to your friends, family and co-workers about climate change and reefs
- Help keep it clean. When you visit the beach, coast or even your own neighbourhood, pick up at least three pieces of rubbish to reduce debris reaching our oceans.
- Get involved in citizen science! Even if you aren't near the coast, there's projects that help collect data about waterways, wetlands and other habitats that help keep reefs healthy.

Check out [reefcheckaustralia.org](http://reefcheckaustralia.org) for more ways to help. Let's make 2018 a good year for our reefs!

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Email

Phone Number